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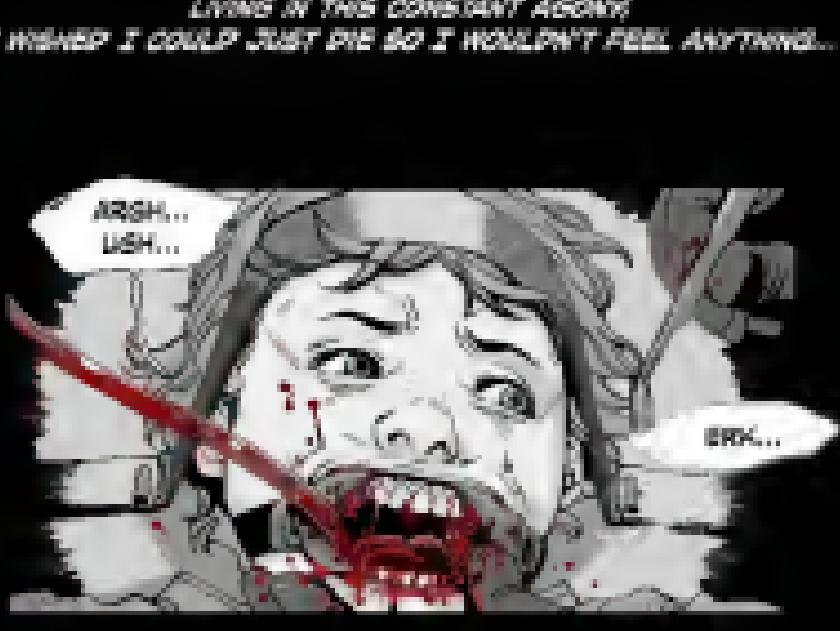
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I PRETENDED IT WAS FROM FALLING OVER, BUT WE ALL KNEW.



THE ONLY WAY I'D LEAVE THIS PLACE WAS  
BY EITHER KILLING MYSELF, OR IF THEY KILLED ME.



BUT WHENEVER I TRIED TO BITE MY TONGUE OFF,  
ALL I COULD FEEL WAS MORE PAIN.

WE'RE LUCKY  
HIS TONGUE'S STILL THERE.  
WE ONLY NEED TO STITCH UP  
THE PART THAT WAS CUT...

WE TIED HIM UP  
BECAUSE HE DROPPED INTO THE  
VENTILATOR, BUT NOW HE'S  
BITING HIS TONGUE...

CLUNK

THAT'S NO GOOD...

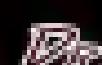
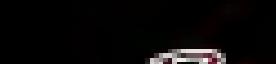
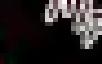
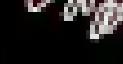
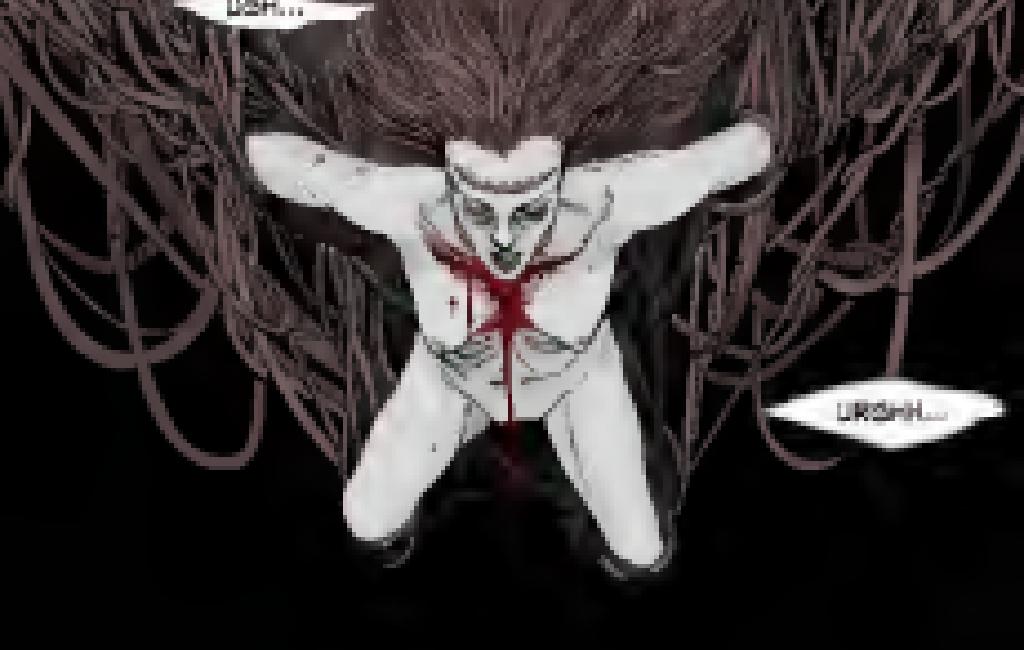
URGH...



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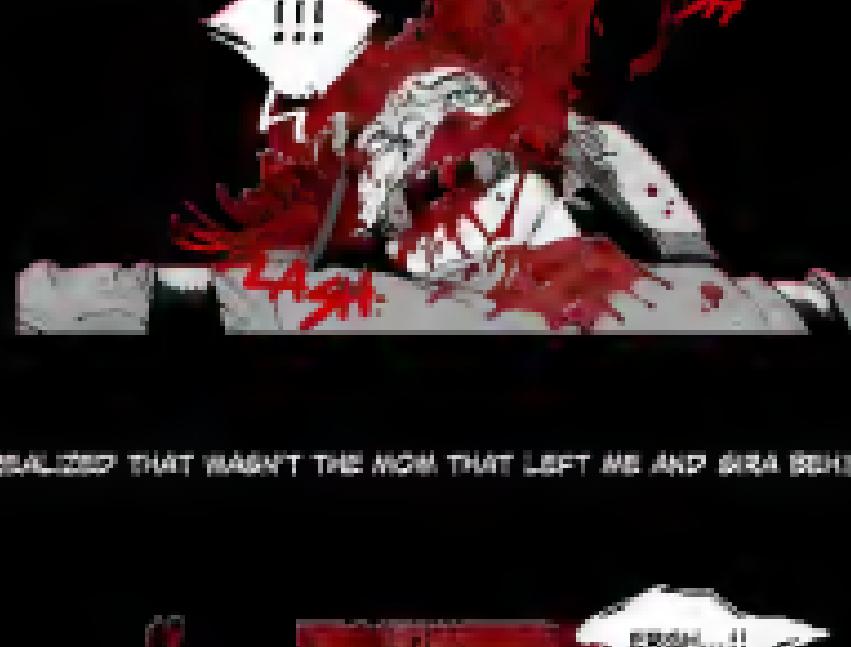


AFTER MY MOM WAS FREED FROM HER SUFFERING BY THESE PEOPLE, SHE KEPT APPEARING AS A GHOST.

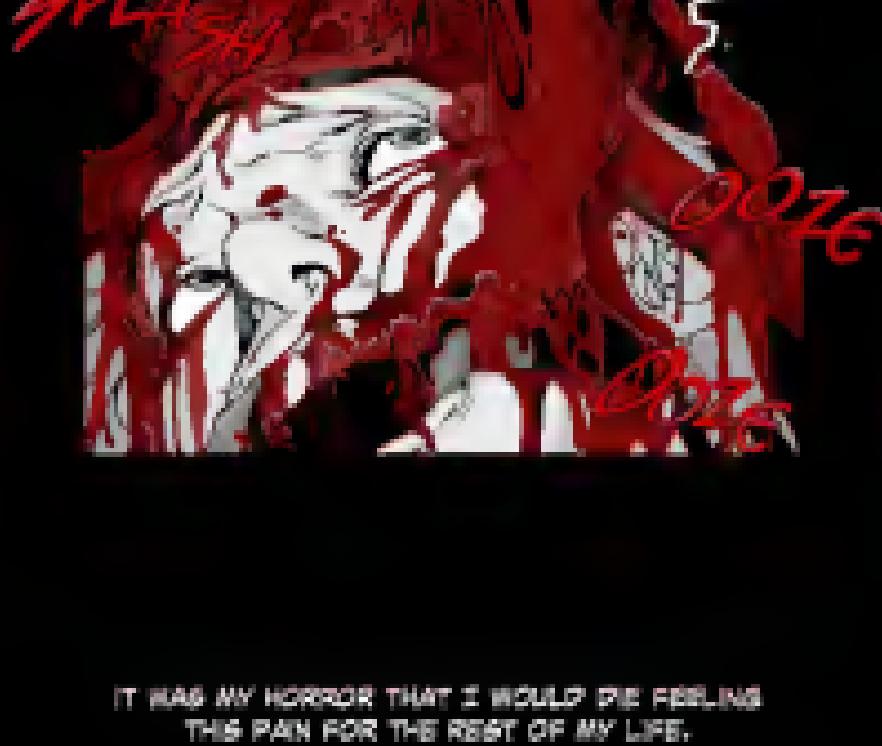




BUT AS I KEPT SEEKS HER...



I REALIZED THAT WASN'T THE MORN THAT LEFT ME AND GERA BEHIND...



IT WAS MY HORROR THAT I WOULD DIE FEELING THIS PAIN FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

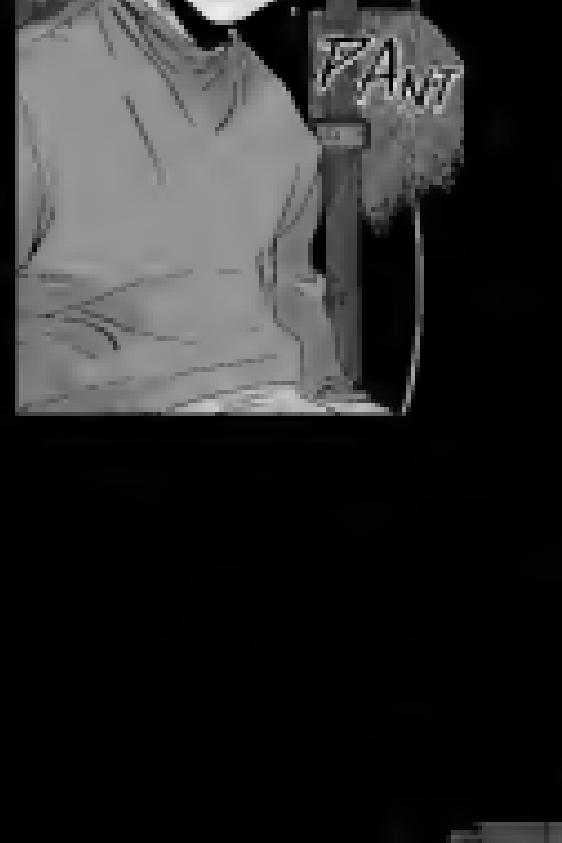


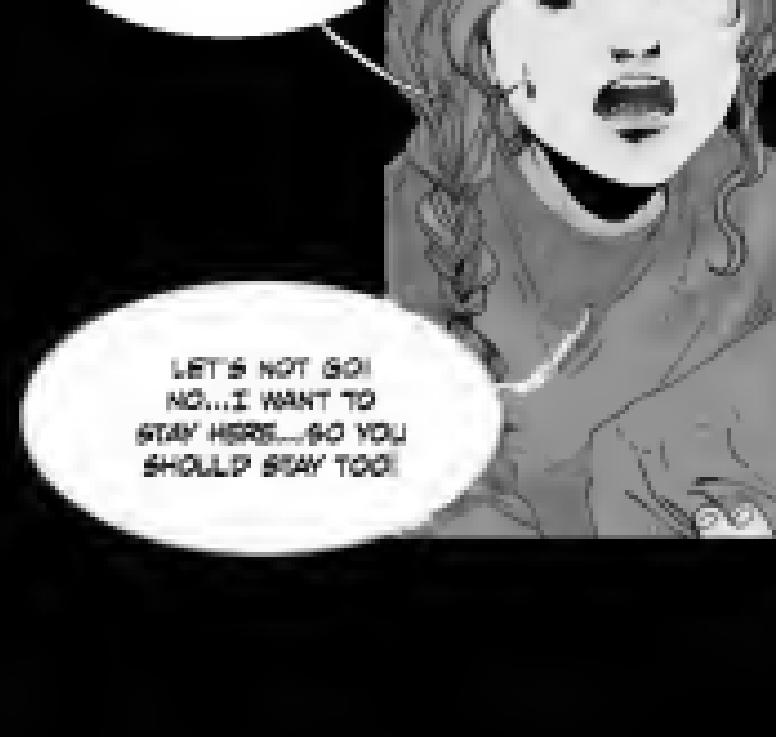


GRA ALWAYS HELD MY HAND.



WHENEVER I HAD NIGHTMARES...







IF WE CAN'T FOLLOW MOM, WE NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE, DON'T WE?

DO YOU LIKE IT HERE? ARE YOU HAPPY?

EVEN IF WE'RE NOT HAPPY, THEY PROTECT US, DON'T THEY?



THEY FEED US AND KEEP US WARM!

GIVE ME A BREAK...



ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'RE HAPPY BEING THEIR LAB RAT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?

ALWAYS IN PAIN...



ALWAYS COVERED IN BRUISES AND BEING MONITORED...

ARE YOU CONTENT WITH NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE A SINGLE RAY OF SUNLIGHT UNTIL YOU DIE??



IS THAT HAPPINESS?



DID YOU FORGET  
HOW MOM DIED  
ALREADY?



YOU'RE ONLY SAYING  
THAT BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SEE  
WHAT THEY DID TO MOM.



BUT... THEY SAID  
IT WOULD BE EVEN  
SCARIER OUTSIDE.



MORE PAINFUL...



...AND EVEN MORE GRUESSOME!



HE SAID THIS PLACE  
IS SAFER AND WARMER  
AND WE DIDN'T NEED  
TO WORRY HERE.



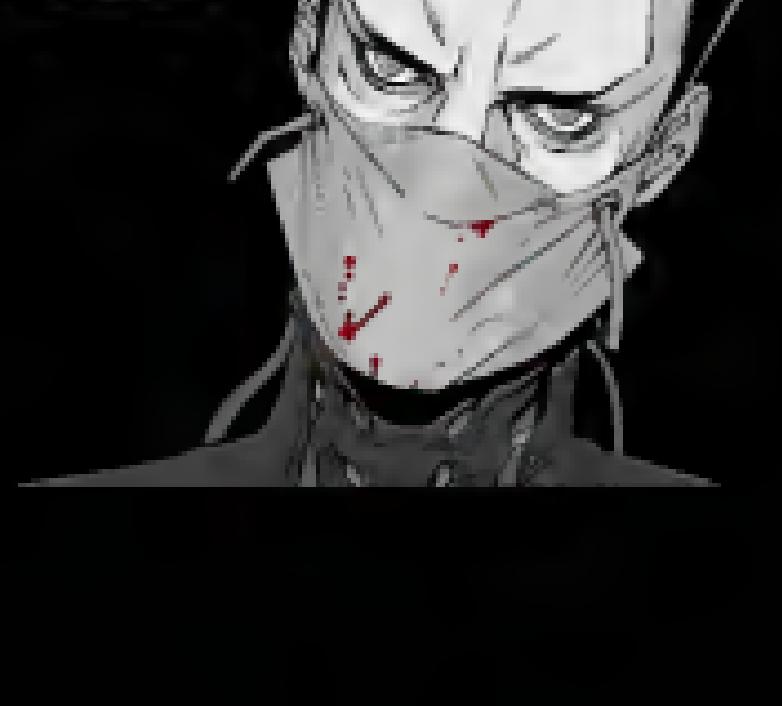
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WHO SAID  
THAT?



WAS IT NACHA?



YES







WHENEVER I TRIED TO BITE MY TONGUE OFF,  
ALL I COULD FEEL WAS MORE PAIN.



IF THAT'S HOW IT WAS GOING TO BE,  
I DECIDED I NEEDED TO BECOME STRONGER,  
I NEEDED TO GET A BODY THAT COULD HURT THEM,  
AND STOP ME FROM FEELING PAIN.



I PROMISED HER.

THAT IF WE COULDN'T FOLLOW HER, I'D BECOME STRONGER AND PROTECT YOU.

IF I'M STRONG, YOU AND I WON'T HAVE TO FEEL PAIN.

I...

I...DON'T KNOW.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOOD AND WHAT'S BAD.

EVEN IF WE'RE LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET OUT, WHAT IF WE END UP SOMEWHERE WORSE?

WHAT IF IT'S THE SAME OUTSIDE?

...I'M SCARED. AREN'T YOU, YURAT?

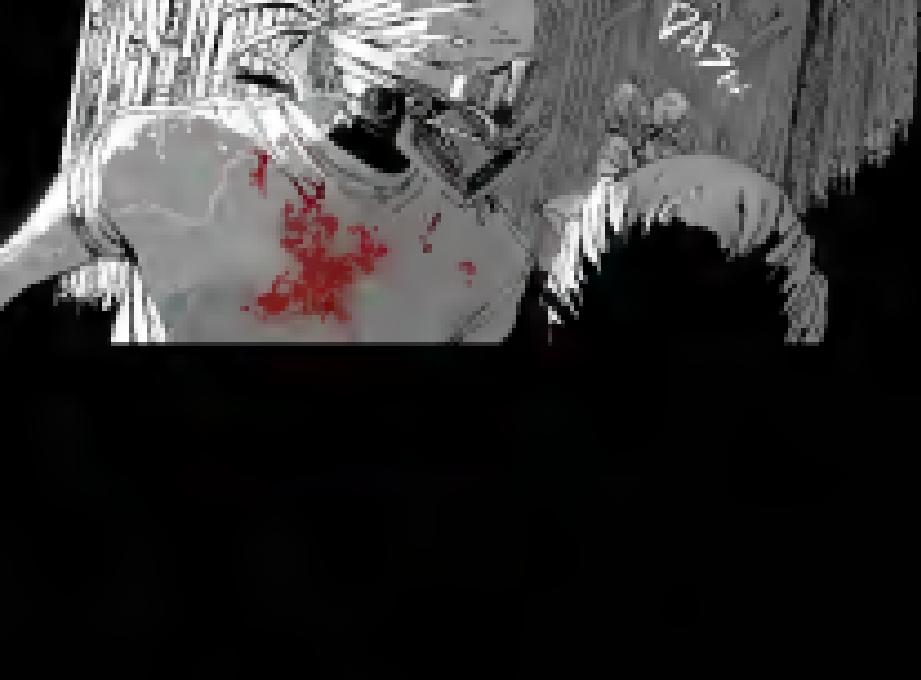




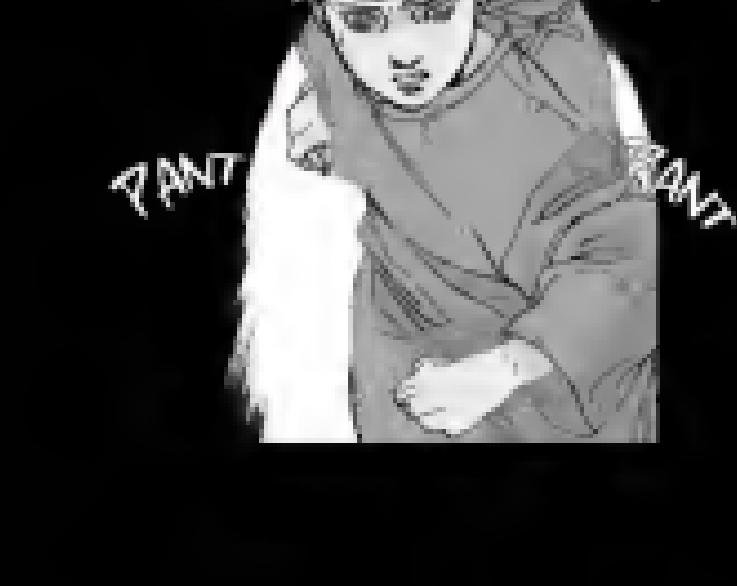
MOVE IT TO  
THE RECOVERY ROOM.



HUH?  
THOSE RATIS!!



WE HAVE TO  
GET TO THE  
GARBAGE CHUTE





UNDERSTOOD. HEADING TO THE WESTERN HALL RIGHT NOW. CLOSING DOWN THE INCINERATION CHAMBER.

Stop! Stop! Stop! Stop!

STOP!!

HURRY! WE CAN'T LET EITHER ONE OF THEM ESCAPE!

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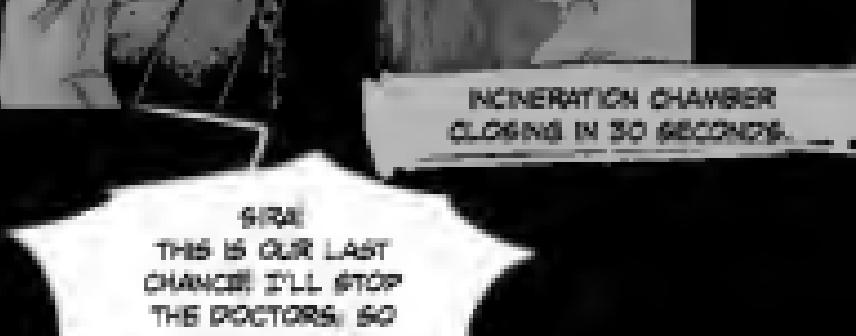


DAMNED RATS!



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EVEN IF YOU JUMP DOWN,  
YOU'LL BE BURNED TO A CRISP!  
ARE YOU THAT DESPERATE  
TO DIE?



YOU HUMANS  
DIE EASILY BECAUSE  
OF YOUR STUPID  
DESIRSES.

YOU'VE ONLY  
LIVED THIS LONG  
THANKS TO US.

GIRL,  
WAKE UP!  
THIS PLACE  
ISN'T SAFE!!

WE CAN'T BE  
THEIR LAB RATS  
FOREVER!!

ARE YOU HAPPY HERE?!

INCINERATION CHAMBER  
CLOSING IN 20 SECONDS...

HELP

INCINERATION CHAMBER  
CLOSING IN 10 SECONDS...



ARGH!!!

CRACK!

INCINERATION CHAMBER CLOSING IN 5...

3...

2...

1...

INCINERATION CHAMBER CLOSED.

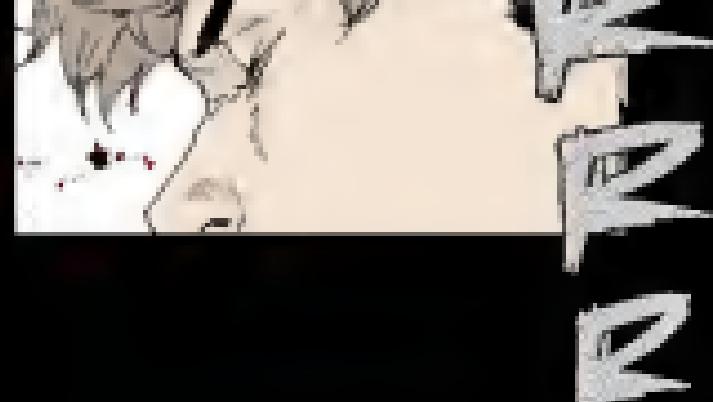
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I TOLD  
YOU TO STAY IN  
YOUR ROOM.

NOW MANY  
TIMES DO I HAVE  
TO TELL YOU NOT  
TO DO THIS?



IT'S IMPOSSIBLE  
TO OPERATE ON YOURSELF  
AND EVEN IF IT WORKED  
YOU'D DIE SOON ANYWAY.

THERE'S A LIMIT  
TO THE AMOUNT OF  
BLOOD YOU CAN  
REPLACE.





IT'S BECAUSE  
I'M DIFFERENT  
THAT I'M HERE.

IT'S BECAUSE  
I'M DIFFERENT THAT  
I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU,  
NO, EVEN STRONGER.

IT'S BECAUSE  
I'M DIFFERENT,  
THAT I HAVE  
TO HIDE...

AND  
BE SCARED...



WHY COULDN'T  
I BE BORN  
STRONG?

AND BE  
PROTECTED,  
LIKE A KID.

WHY CAN'T I BE  
LIKE THE MACHINES?

EVERYONE...  
IS STRONG, WHY  
AREN'T I?



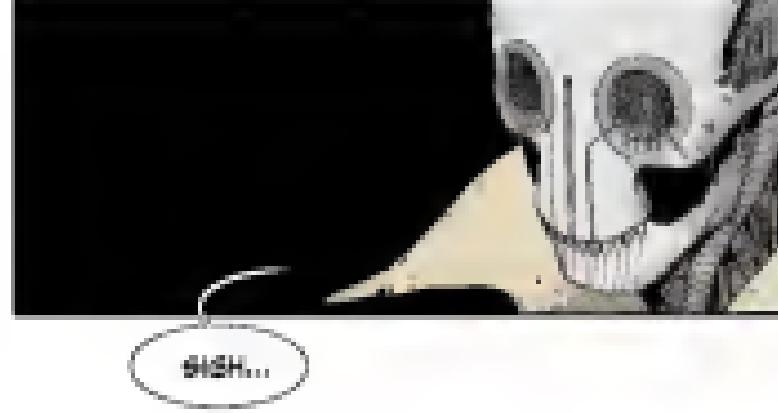
I...

I WANT TO BE  
LIKE THEM TOO.

NO,  
I HAVE TO BE  
STRONGER!

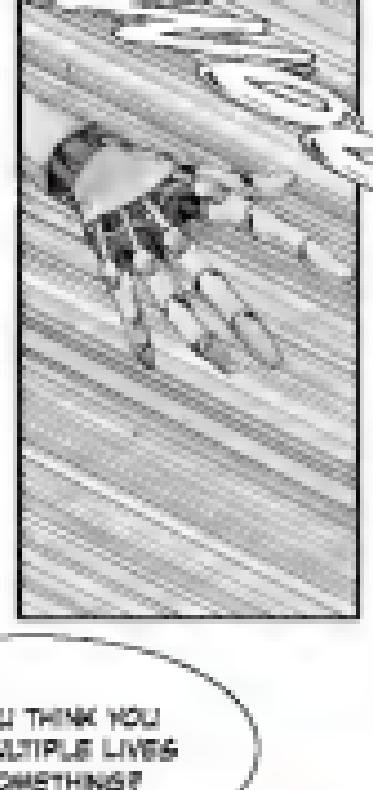
I NEED A STRONG  
BODY THAT DOESN'T  
GET DAMAGED!





JUST SELL ME TO THE DEALERS!

AT LEAST THEN I CAN BECOME WHAT I WANT TO BE, INSTEAD OF HIDING IN THIS CAMP ALL THE TIME!



DO YOU THINK YOU  
HAVE MULTIPLE LIVES  
OR SOMETHING?



YOU CAN'T  
BE RIGHT EVERY  
TIME.

YOU'LL GIVE  
YOURSELF UP TO  
THE DEALERS AND  
WHAT'LL BECOME  
STRONGER??

YOU WANT A BODY  
THAT DOESN'T GET INJURED  
AND DOESN'T SLEEP?

THAT'S JUST THE SHELL.



YOU'RE BLAMING YOUR SHELL.  
YURA, POWER ISN'T ABOUT WHETHER  
YOU'RE MADE OF FLESH OR STEEL!

I DON'T CARE  
IF IT'S JUST THE SHELL.  
I JUST DON'T WANNA  
FEEL ANY PAIN.

I DON'T CARE  
ABOUT ANYTHING, AS LONG  
AS I CAN BE STRONGER THAN  
EVERY OTHER MACHINE!

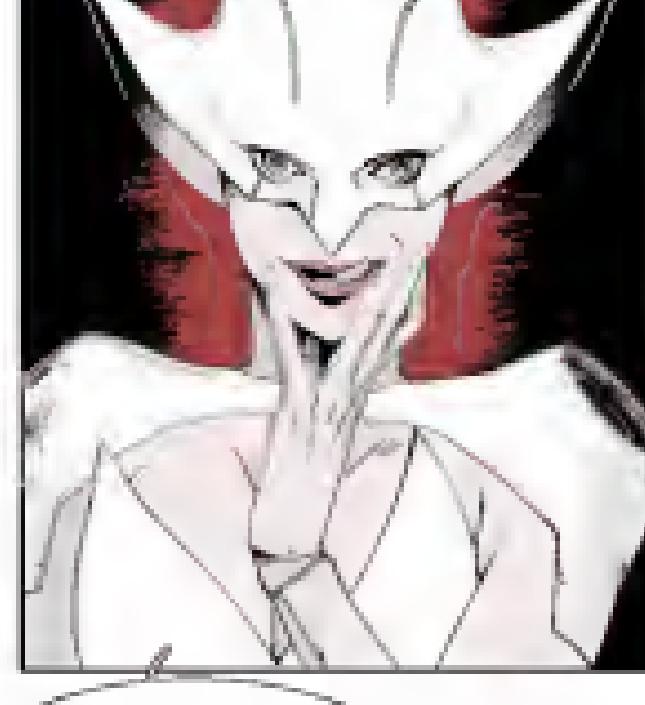


YOU DON'T  
KNOW WHERE  
I'M FROM.

I NEED TO BECOME  
STRONGER THAN THOSE  
GUYS IF I WANT TO  
SAVE SIRA.

WOW! YOU WERE ALL ARGUING SO LOUDLY, I COULDN'T EVEN INTERFERE!

I WAS GOING TO KEEP WATCHING, BUT IT WAS STARTING TO GET BORING YOU SEE!



IT WAS AN INTERESTING STORY, BUT...I PREFER ACTIONS OVER WORDS.

SOPHIE, YOU...

HEY YURA.

I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE DEALERS.



TO BE CONTINUED...